

1 HR187  
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3 By Representative Milligan  
4 RFD:  
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8 COMMENDING MR. J.R. BENNETT UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO  
9 THE HALL OF FAME OF THE ALABAMA MANUFACTURED HOUSING  
10 ASSOCIATION.

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12 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are  
13 herein extended to Mr. J.R. Bennett on the occasion of his  
14 induction into the Hall of Fame of the Alabama Manufactured  
15 Housing Association (AMHA); and

16 WHEREAS, nominees are selected for their outstanding  
17 contributions to the manufactured housing industry, along with  
18 dedicated service to the community; and

19 WHEREAS, he began his career in the industry in  
20 1959, at the age of 19, at Marlete Homes in Americus, Georgia,  
21 and moved to Haleyville, Alabama, to work as a line foreman  
22 for Frontier Homes in 1961; and

23 WHEREAS, in 1964, he saw an opportunity to own part  
24 of his own business and moved to Boaz, Alabama, where he  
25 started Bonanza Homes; after selling the company in 1969, he  
26 opened Young American Homes in Hope, Arkansas, a venture that  
27 eventually led to six manufacturing locations in five states;

the company was sold in 1973; after a sojourn in Florida, Mr. Bennett returned to Haleyville in 1976, teaming up with Tidwell Industries and, in 1979, he returned to Boaz to develop and later sell River Oaks Homes; from 1992-1996, he was a silent partner in Homes of Legend, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett has been responsible for building eight different manufactured home plants in North Alabama, many of which remain in production today; in 2003, his son, Keith Bennett, followed in his father's footsteps and opened KABCO Builders in Boaz; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, he and his wife, Laura Jean, celebrated 55 years of marriage on January 26; they have four children, nine grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mr. J.R. Bennett is commended  
and congratulated upon his well-deserved induction into the  
Hall of Fame of the Alabama Manufactured Housing Association,  
and this resolution is offered in tribute to him, along with  
best wishes in future endeavors.